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# DIVINE ASCENSION

AS THE TRUTH APPEARS



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## I. ANSWERS

It's time to step aside  
Now that our love has died

Emotionally and physically  
I'm drained to the core  
Crouching in my happy place  
Cradling my wounds of war

You like to lay the blame with me  
Something that comes naturally  
I need to find a place to rest  
Reasons lost in wilderness

I won't attempt to diagnose  
You never held the cure  
The poison seeped into the tree  
Yet the apple seemed so damn pure

Days roll into weeks and we  
We have it sweet in harmony  
So intense you make me feel  
Emotions strong and so unreal

An Answer  
An Answer

Give me an answer  
No one wins, and nothing's gained  
Why are you leaving me  
From all this guilt and all this pain  
Give me an answer  
Strength was all I needed  
Why not believe in me  
Believe in me

Give me an answer  
No one wins, and nothing's gained  
Why are you leaving me  
A silent promise truth be named  
Give me an answer

You've been burned from one betrayal  
Time for you to come clean  
I'll show you what I'm made of

Give me an answer  
Why are you leaving me  
Leaving me  
Give me an answer  
Why not believe in me  
Believe in me

Give me an answer  
Why are you leaving me  
Why are you leaving me  
Give me an answer  
Time for you to come clean  
So step aside

Days roll into weeks and we  
We have it sweet in harmony  
So intense you make me feel  
Emotions strong and so unreal  
Then I lose track of your words  
Entangled, selfish and disturbed  
Why build a bridge that just falls down  
You always find a way

(Lead break)

Give me an answer  
Why are you leaving me  
Why are you leaving me  
Give me an answer  
Why not believe in me  
Oh believe in me

Give me an answer  
Why are you leaving me  
Why are you leaving me  
Give me an answer  
Why not believe in me  
Believe in me

Give me an answer  
Why are you leaving me  
No one wins and nothing's gained  
Give me an answer  
Time for you to come clean  
A silent promise truth be named

Give me an answer

## II. VISIONARY

As the sun rises over the land  
To trace the sands it warms my hands  
I awake as the truth appears  
With balance in our hearts  
We face the fear

Into the deep we go  
The threat of war we know  
If we embrace the power of earth, wind  
and fire  
We'll see how far we go  
Put on a perfect show and shine  
We can balance on a wire

Another reason to despise what we see  
A life less ordinary  
Yet we are Visionary  
Another reason to deny fantasy  
A life less ordinary  
Yet we are Visionary

When strangers see each other eye to eye  
What we hold close does well inside  
Behold a vision of a perfect world  
It's buried in the past  
To reappear

With our collective minds  
United purpose 'cross the land  
We can formulate our plan

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(Lead Break)  
  
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Into the deep we go  
The threat of war we know  
We can be wiser  
Another reason to deny fantasy  
A life less ordinary  
Yet we are Visionary

It is the children afraid to fall asleep:  
Helplessness of unconscious dream  
Broken promise of eternal peace  
Is who we are make the elders weep  
Or am I dreaming

In my mind I never meant to walk away  
In my mind I will turn to you and say  
In my mind I never meant to lose control  
In my mind I will turn to you and say  
I will fly forever in my mind

We seek all the answers untold  
There's a story behind every lie  
Don't speak  
All your lies I have heard  
Won't reach  
My mind I have learned  
How to be so far from here

In my mind I never meant to walk away  
In my mind I will turn to you and say  
I will fly forever

(Lead Break)  
  
In my mind I never meant to walk away  
In my mind I will turn to you  
In my mind I never meant to walk away  
In my mind I will turn to you and say  
I will fly forever in my mind  
In my mind

## III. IN MY MIND

How long will we fear  
It's a dangerous time  
For the realm of the blind  
Will we be so free

How to be so far from here  
How to be so far  
How to be so far from here  
How to be so far

We dwell among the souls of hollow man  
Poison our minds with the love of green  
Unbalanced power held in greedy hands  
Betrayal of life by authority  
More than we see

In my mind I never meant to walk away  
In my mind I will turn to you and say  
In my mind I never meant to lose control  
In my mind I will turn to you and say  
I will fly forever in my mind

#### IV. VISION DIVINE

Sometimes I don't understand  
The world can come crashing down  
Sometimes an ocean seems to rise  
Enough to pull me in and take me

Emotions break my inner safe  
And toll with anguish and despair  
Shattered glass does my heart make  
I clear the mess and you are there  
Stifled rhythm barren hope  
As demons call for my sanity  
As demons call for my sanity

(Lead Break)

Have you become my keeper  
Always there with a healing hand  
Have you become my keeper  
Always there with a healing hand  
My Vision Divine  
You can render them blind  
My Vision Divine

The time of need is always here.  
Within your wings of shelter hides my fear  
I emerge enlightened by your strength  
You hold the flame to shine the light and  
guide the way  
You guide the way

Have you become my keeper

#### V. GUIDED BY OSIRIS

I am your Queen your beautiful angel  
I solely maintain my faith in you  
And as your Queen your beautiful angel  
I will bare you a son so pure and true

A son so strong so his back shall never break  
A son so sovereign so his hand may never shake  
A son so Godly so his blood may never spill  
So you may hand him your shoes to fill

Look to the light  
The gods are calling you tonight  
Look in his eyes  
Osiris knows the way to your desire  
In your hands lies the key to these lands  
Close is the day  
So fall the sands of time

Always there with a healing hand  
Have you become my keeper  
Right before my eyes my Vision Divine  
You can render them blind

Emotions break my inner safe  
And toll with anguish and despair  
Shattered glass does my heart make  
I clear the mess and you are there  
Stifled rhythm barren hope  
As demons call for my sanity

Oh my son, look to your father  
You are the heir to Pharaoh's throne  
Oh my son, look to your father  
Your father has built you this kingdom from stone

His wisdom lies within the lines upon his face  
He will embark on a journey to another place  
His footsteps you will trace

Look to the light  
The gods are calling you tonight  
Look in his eyes  
Osiris knows the way to your desire  
In your hands lies the key to these lands  
Close is the day  
So fall the sands of time

The afterlife is waiting for you  
My King I know this to be true  
Your rebirth will mark the light  
The Gods will guide you there tonight  
We will pray to Ra and the sun will rise  
So fall the sands of time

(Lead Break)

Oh Osiris you giver you taker  
Oh Osiris you slayer you maker

Look to the light  
The gods are calling you tonight  
Look in his eyes  
Osiris knows the way to your desire  
In your hands lies the key to these lands

He will place his hands on your shoulders  
He will guide you as you grow older  
Close is the day  
So fall the sands of time  
So fall the sands of time

#### VI. ONE LAST CARESS

Now I'm going to take from you  
All you took from me  
For now I can be sure

How could you leave me in the cold with all that I endured  
You swore reform you crossed your heart  
And I believed

You broke my heart in two  
And left the pieces strewn upon the floor  
You stole my breath away  
Nothing remains only the emptiness

One Last Caress is all it takes to wash away your pain  
One Last Caress to send you on your way  
I believed you  
I swore you'd make amends  
I withheld from you  
One Last Caress

Now you return to feed my heart with endless tempting words  
You promised ever after  
And I surrendered

You stole my breath away  
Nothing remains only the emptiness

One Last Caress is all it takes to wash away your pain  
One Last Caress to send you on your way  
I believed you  
I swore you'd make amends  
I withheld from you  
One Last Caress

(Lead Break)

Withhold my hand, withhold my heart  
I will be strong

I believed you  
I swore you'd make amends  
I withheld from you  
One Last Caress is all it takes to wash away your pain  
One Last Caress to send you on your way  
One Last Caress

#### VII. GARDEN OF EVIL

All alone In my dark abyss  
I realise that light will fade  
So when the rain falls  
I never thought I'd ever feel the stain

Another day I suffer  
In my own hidden world  
The shame of which I speak  
Is much more than words

In the Garden of Evil  
I will take you there  
Where you will feel my pain  
In the Garden of Evil  
I must take you there  
Where you will feel my misery

Standing on such sacred earth  
I finalise my epitaph  
And in the days that follow  
I walk towards no return  
The path of which I seek  
Is much more than words

In the Garden of Evil  
I will take you there  
Where you will feel my pain  
In the Garden of Evil  
I must take you there  
Where you will feel my misery

I almost pray to the world  
For a sign  
Of that which I ever seek  
I never seem to find

(Lead Break)

In the Garden of Evil  
I will take you there  
Where you will feel my pain  
In the Garden of Evil  
I must take you there  
Where you will feel my misery  
My misery

## VIII. ANOTHER BATTLEFIELD

You come take my hand  
I'll lead you to  
The other side of destiny  
Take this bleeding heart  
Now that you do  
Discover Inside what's left of me  
  
Now that you're deep in the dark  
Confusion you show  
The sorrow you feel  
The hate that you show  
And in your wildest dreams  
Will you ever know

I'll be the night that haunts you  
I'll be the one, who makes you burn  
It's in the way I feel  
And in the sky above you  
I'll be the one

Who makes you learn  
Another Battlefield

Do you understand  
The pain deep in you  
Remnants of time you turn from me  
Maybe in your wildest dreams  
Will you ever know

I'll be the night that haunts you  
I'll be the one, who makes you burn  
It's in the way I feel  
And in the sky above you

I'll be the one  
Who makes you learn  
Another Battlefield

How you mend your wings  
Understand the way I feel  
How you now continue on  
Is the way you remain

(Lead Break)

So when your mind betrays you  
You'll reach the point of no return  
You'll know just how I feel  
And when the light surrounds you  
I'll be the one who now returns  
Another Battlefield

And when the light surrounds you  
I'll be the one who now returns  
Another Battlefield

## IX. HOPE ARISING

Do you believe  
Hope will arise  
Do you believe  
Hope will arise  
Ending nights of insanity

Do you believe  
Hope will arise ending nights of insanity  
Do you believe  
Hope will arise ending nights of insanity  
Do you believe  
Hope will arise ending nights of insanity

In a darkened room  
When there's nobody there  
I await for my cross to bare  
In a shallow world  
I despise what I see  
And I wait for them all to be  
Aware

Are we destined to be  
In a world without care  
I await solidarity  
In a heartless world  
I despise what I see  
And I wait for them all to be  
Aware

And hate that we have ever shown  
Embrace the pain  
Hold the hope rising

Is there anyone out there  
To hear me scream  
I drown in sorrow  
For what's to be  
Is there anyone out there  
So call to me  
Come lift me higher  
I'm begging please

And hate that we have ever shown  
Embrace the pain  
Hold the hope rising

Do you believe  
Hope will arise ending nights of insanity  
Do you believe  
Hope will arise ending nights of insanity  
Do you believe  
Hope will arise ending nights of insanity

## X. CIVILISATION

All alone deep inside your mind  
There's a pain that is real  
So hard to define  
Look around it's there for you to see  
How I wish you were here with me

Civilisation  
The grand design  
Is so very old  
Way beyond all your reasoning  
There you'll find a better day  
And a better way

When the road is so long and divides  
When you cower in fear  
Nowhere to hide  
Look around it's there for you to see  
How I wish you were here with me

Civilisation  
Like winter's breeze  
Is so very cold  
Way beyond all your conditioning  
There you'll find a better day  
And a better way

When the road is so long and divides  
Look around it's there for you to see

So when your search for inner peace  
Becomes much more than you've bargained for  
All you long for is release  
So in the hope that all is lost  
The sky will get so much clearer now  
All you need is guidance there

So you shall see  
Civilisation  
The grand design  
Is so old yet alive  
Yet it's so very cold  
Way beyond all your reasoning  
There you'll find  
A better day  
And a better way

When the road is so long and divides  
Look around it's there for you to see

How I wish you were here  
How I wish you were here  
How I wish you were here  
How I wish you were here

Now that we feel our own decay  
A little fear in our eyes is all I saw  
With no abate from here  
How we yearn for more  
Never asking why history  
Speaks again yet never steers and reappears

To wage in this war  
Where time never seeks to wait  
For what's in store

There's only one way out of here  
Out of this dark blinding sea  
Fortune smiles knowingly  
There's only one way out of here  
Away from the oncoming storm  
To come out Unscathed

## XI. UNSCATHED

Where are the dreams of yesterday  
I don't see it in my eyes anymore  
I turn away from here  
Standing on this shore  
Looking out for life's melody  
I search for why no one believes  
That the truth is out there so

Into the unknown  
Where lies are being kept  
Tales we were told before  
To wage in this war  
Where lives are being spent  
Seems way too much to answer for

There's only one way out of here  
Out of this dark blinding sea  
Fortune smiles knowingly  
There's only one way out of here  
Away from the oncoming storm  
To come out Unscathed

Beyond the realm of hate and hidden storm  
Lies a world that never seems to feel alone

Another day and it's nearly over  
A thousand years we have cried yet a single tear

Another day and the fear is all around  
A thousand years we became our own enemy  
Way too much to answer for

There's only one way out of here  
Out of this dark blinding sea  
Fortune smiles knowingly  
There's only one way out of here  
Away from the oncoming storm

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## XII. NOT TODAY

The day is long  
And sense unclear  
Suppress all needs  
Forbidden fear

When drowned in guilt  
Though half as sane  
This liquid gaze  
Won't ease the pain

So Today my inhibitions  
They will need no say  
I take the road that's never travelled on  
Only I will know the way

And let my heart take control  
Let my mind follow the soul  
Give my melodies for you to play  
But I won't unhand my secrets  
Not Today

The winds of change  
In step they ease  
When yesterday  
Looms over me

For ecstasy I can't deny  
I need to know  
How it feels to fly

So Today  
My exhibitions I will need no more  
I take the road that's never stumbled on  
Pull my eyes up off this floor

And let my heart take control  
Let my mind follow the soul  
Give my melody for you to play  
But I won't unhand my silence  
Not Today

Let my heart take control  
Let my mind follow the soul  
Give my melody for you to play  
But I won't unhand my mystery  
Not Today

I won't unhand my mystery  
Not Today



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